

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

ANTHONY MURDOCK,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 5:17-cv-11803

District Judge Judith E. Levy

Magistrate Judge Anthony P. Patti

TRINITY SERVICES GROUP,
HUNT, DEBRA AUSDEMORE,
RICHARD MESSER,
HANKS, MCLAIN, MDOC,
BILLINGS and DEPLEY,

Defendants.

**ORDER DENYING MDOC DEFENDANTS AUSDEMORE AND
MESSER'S DECEMBER 6, 2017 MOTION TO SEVER BASED ON
MISJOINDER OF PARTIES AND CLAIMS (DE 21)**

This case has been referred to me to conduct pretrial matters. Currently before the Court is MDOC Defendants Ausdemore and Messer's December 6, 2017 motion to sever based on misjoinder of parties and claims. (DE 21.) Plaintiff filed a response, and a hearing was noticed for April 17, 2018. (DEs 22, 23.)

On the date set for hearing, attorney Kevin M. Carlson appeared on Plaintiff's behalf, Assistant Attorney General Douglas G. Powe appeared on behalf of the movants, and attorney John W. Martin, Jr. appeared on behalf of Trinity Services Group. Having heard the oral argument of counsel for the movants and respondent, the Court finding that none of the Plaintiff's claims appear to be

frivolous, and for the multiple reasons stated on the record, all of which are incorporated herein by reference, the motion to sever based on misjoinder of parties and claims (DE 21) is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 17, 2018

s/Anthony P. Patti

Anthony P. Patti

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was sent to parties of record on April 17, 2018, electronically and/or by U.S. Mail.

s/Michael Williams

Case Manager for the

Honorable Anthony P. Patti